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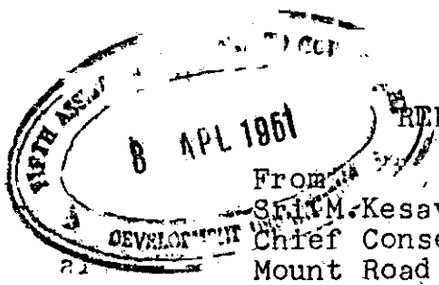

MADRAS FOREST DEPARTMENT.
REF.NO.5207/51-C2 dated 2-4-1951.
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From
Sri M.Kesavan Unni Nayar I.F.S.,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Mount Road, Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Madras.

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Sir,

Sub: Leases - Fuel Coupes - South Kanara Division - 1950-51 - Unworked portions of Madibare Reserved Forest Coupes I and IV - Extension of ~~validity~~ Request of contractor Sri V.Panduranga Shenoy.

I on file 1-3 below
II on file 3-6 below
III file 6 below

A copy of the petition dated 8-3-1951 from Sri V. Panduranga Shenoy, Forest Contractor, Wandse, South Kanara with the report of the District Forest Officer, South Kanara and the remarks of the Conservator Ootacamund Circle is submitted. The arrear areas of Madibare Reserved Forest Coupe I of 39 acres and Coupe IV of 3 acres was sold in public auction on 10-1-1050 with lease period from 1-4-1950 to 31-3-1951, but as the actual area by survey was not available the sale confirmation orders were issued by the District Forest Officer only on 30-4-1950 by which the contractor lost about one and a half months of the best working season for no fault of his. On 15-3-1951 it was reported that there is a balance of about 17 acres of unworked area and unremoved produce of 80 chowks of fuel and 100 cft. of timber. In the circumstances explained I recommend an extension of time by two months from the date of receipt of orders of the District Forest Officer for completing the work on payment of a fee of Rs.200/-.

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2. The Conservator is examining the delay in the issue of confirmation orders and this will be dealt with departmentally

Enc:

CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

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ENCLOSURES. I

Copy of petition from Sri V.Panduranga Shenoy, contractor, South Kanara Division, Post Wandse dated 8-3-1951 to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras.

The humble petition of V.Panduranga Shenoy contractor of unworked portions of coupes I & IV of Madibare Reserved Forest in Coondapoor Range, South Kanara Forest Division - Post Wandse.

I have to lay before you the following few lines for kind consideration and favourable orders.

In 1950-51 I had purchased the following coupes in Coondapur Range.

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| Coupe 18 (b) of Mudgalpare Reserved Forest | = | 44 acres. |
| Unworked portion of coupe I of Madibare Reserved Forest. | = | 39 ,, |
| Coupe IV of -do- | = | 3 ,, |

Out of the above coupes, I have already completed felling

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and removal of the stock from Mudgalpare Coupe. But I am constrained to submit that in spite of my very earnest efforts I am not able to complete felling in the unworked coupes of Madibare Reserved Forest for the reasons given below:-

This Reserved Forest is in a remote place (Jedkal) which is highly malarial and no coolies turn up for work in that place during the months of June to November, also coolies are not able to work there on account of leeches which facts the District Forest Officer and the Conservator of Forests Ootacamund Circle personally know. In that part, only Marathis and Malekudis turn up for work in ~~unfair~~ weather. Thus I had hurried up its work in the month of April 1950 itself; but I had to stop working in June and could not resume till December. The very fact that these coupes could not be completely worked at the original sale and even in subsequent years there was no bid for these coupes go to prove that it is a really difficult area to be worked, and if the voidah for working that coupe was up to end of May, as was already represented by all the coupe contractors in the Range in December 1948, it would have been possible to work this area within that period.

Now that I had advanced ~~xxx~~ heavy sums of money against the felling coolies in the month of May 1950, in order to bind them over for my work in the said coupes from December 1950, as the particular class of people are required to work in these coupes as stated above. With all my earnest efforts to complete working these coupes by the end of this month, I could so far fell only about 20 acres. There is no difficulty for transport work as I have two lorries of my own and I could transport the produce as fellings are done, but the main difficulty was in felling. However, hard I may try, I would not be able to complete felling by the end of this month - as the particular class of coolies for whom 'Holi' festival is an important festival during a year, they will be away to their places for the said ensuing festival for about a fortnight. Hence as already prayed for by the coupe contractors from time and often to extend the lease period upto 31st May I most humbly submit to your Honour that if I am not given extension of time for working this area upto 31-5-51, I will be put to very heavy loss in the shape of advance outstanding against those coolies.

I therefore most humbly pray that I may very kindly be given extension of time for working the said coupes upto 31st May '51 and request that very early orders may kindly be issued by 31-3-51 in order ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ not to have a break in my work, because when once the work is stopped, the coolies disbanded, it is difficult to get them again for work this year; hence the request for very urgent orders. As there are no further coupes to be worked in this series there is no question of interfering with the working of the next year's contract in the same series, and there would be no objection from any part for granting extension of time for working these coupes by me, as there are no adjacent coupes.

I once again pray for early orders granting the extension of time upto 31st May 1951.

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Copy of Forest Range Officer Coondapur N.Dis.C.No.144/51 dated 15-3-51 to the District Forest Officer, South Kanara, Mangalore.

Submitted to the District Forest Officer, South Kanara, Mangalore with my reply to the questionaire required to be replied while recommending extension of time for working of coupes sold:-

| | | Acres. |
|---|---|---|
| 1) Unworked portions of coupe I of Madibare Reserved Forest. | | 39 |
| Coupe IV of | -do- | 3 |
| Kollur series. | Total. | 42 acres. |

sold at Rs.80/- per acre for Rs.3,360/- vide District Forest Officer's Memo.2818/49-C5, dated 4.2.1950 and Memo.1248/50-C5, dated 30.4.1950.

2) Period of lease : From 1.4.1950 to 31.3.1951.
3) Date of sale : 10.1.1950.

4) Sale confirmed in District Forest Officer's Memo.2818/49-C5, dated 4.2.1950 and Rc.No.1248/50-C5, dated 30.4.1950.

5) Sale confirmation orders were received by the Contractor on 16.2.1950 and 5.5.1950.

6) Agreement executed on 6.5.1950.

7) No delay, in execution of the agreement.

8) In May 1950 : No delay in commencing the work in the coupe.

9) So far, out of 42 acres, 25 acres have been felled and the felled produce was 291 chowks of firewood and 700 cft. of timber, of which 211 chowks of firewood and 600 cft of timber have been removed by now.

10) There is a balance of 17 acres to be worked and 80 chowks of firewood and 100 cft of timber remaining in the coupe to be removed.

11) The contractor's grievances stated in the petition are genuine. Coupe I was originally sold in 1942- 43 @ Rs.27/- per acre and coupe IV in 1946-47 @ Rs.37/- per acre. Regarding coupe IV though the contractor was granted extension of Vaidah for working up to 31.5.1947 he could not complete working the whole coupe. Though these unworked portions were advertised for sale year after year, there were no bidders for these unworked portions on account of difficulty in working. The coupes in this series could be worked only for 6 months in the year i.e. during the fair weather on account of the remoteness of the locality, existance of ~~batches~~ leaches from June to December and malaria from March onwards.

The Conservator of Forests has personally seen this locality in his last camp in this Range and has ordered closure of this series for working in future. The Contractor has paid Rs.3,360/- for these 2 bits and has invested a further some of about Rs.3,500/- for its working and if he is not granted extension of time without any break on 31.3.1951 upto at least 31.5.1951 he will be put to great loss. In order to complete the clear felling of at least these worked coupes it would be advisable to grant extension of time for working up to 31.5.1951 even on a nominal penalty.

12) The extension of time prayed for may kindly be granted upto to 31.5.1951 as the contractor could not work the coupes between June to November 1950 on account of the reasons stated in the petition.

N.Dis.1005/51-C5, dated 18.3.1951 of the District Forest Officer, South Kanara

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Sub: Fuel coupes - Extension of time - Request of contractor Sri V.Panduranga Shenoy.

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Submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, through the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle.

2. The coupes referred to in the petition fall in Kollur Series - Teak Conversion Working Circle - These series have since been closed for working under Teak Conversion Working

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Working Circle as no regeneration could be done in these remote coupes. The arrear coupes - balance areas left in the old coupes by the Contractors - were however treated as fuel coupes and auctioned.

3. Madkbare Reserved Forest Coupe I - 63 acres w... first worked in 1942-43 and coupe IV - 41 acres in 1946-47 and the respective contractors left in arrears without working 39 acres in coupe I, and 3 acres in Coupe IV - Total 42 acres. The Contractor of coupe IV could not work it within the lease period, that is till 31.1.1947 and therefore he was granted an extension of time till 31.5.1947 by the District Forest Officer on a penalty of Rs.500, but still he left an area of 3 acres without working.

4. These arrear coupes (42 acres in coupe I and IV as stated above were auctioned on 10.1.1950. As the actual surveyed area of these arrear coupes were not available at the time of auction on 10.1.1950, sale confirmation orders could be issued to the contractor only on 30.4.1950, after surveying and computing the areas. The Contractor executed the agreement on 6.5.1950. He could thus start work only in the second week of May 1950, against the usual lease period from 1st April to the end of March.

5. These coupes are in very out of the way localities and highly malarial. The labour problem is also very acute and this was one of the reasons for closure of this area from teak regeneration.

6. As regards change in the lease period referred to in the petition, orders have since been passed in Chief Conservator of Forest's Mis.No.102/51, dated 11.8.1950 changing the period of the lease in respect of fuel coupes from 1st June to 31st May.

7. The necessary information under several points required on the subject as per Conservator's Ref.No.985/49. A1. dated 25.3.1949 are given in the Range Officer's report enclosed. The Range Officer has reported that the contractor would be put to much loss in case he is forced to vacate the coupe on 31.3.1951 as per conditions of the agreement. The extension of voidah applied for till 31.5.1951 is therefore recommended on a penalty of Rs.200.

Sd/ C.S.Mannadiar,
Dt:Forest Officer, South Kanara.

Ref:No.638/51-A1, dated 26.3.1951.

Forwarded to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras.

2. I am asking the Dt.Forest Officer, S.Kanara to report in detail why these arrear areas were offered for sale on 10.1.1950 when the actual surveyed areas were not determined. The full period of the lease is 1.4.1950 to 31.3.1951, but the surveyed areas of the coupes were not available and sale confirmation orders could be issued only on 30.4.1950; this delay on the part of the Dt.Forest Officer has also contributed to the request for extension of voidah. Further report will be submitted on receipt of Dt.Forest Officer's reply.

Sd/V.S.Kuppuswamy,
Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle

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Sub: Forests Leases, South Kanara Division - Uadibare Reserved Forest Coupes No I & IV - 1950-51 Workd Portions - Extension of time to Contractor - Granted.

Read: From the CCF. Ref No S 207/51-C2 dt 2.4.51

In the circumstances stated the Govt. accept the CCF's recommendation and direct that Sri V. Pandurunga Shenoy, Forest Contractor, be granted an extension of time for two months from the date of receipt of orders from the D. Fo for completing the work in Uadibara Reserved Forest Coupes No I & IV of 1950-51 in South Kanara Division, on payment of an extension fee of Rs. 200/- (Rupees two hundred only)

To The CCF / DFO thro Fin Dept

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